

FY2010 Appropriations Request Form

Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier
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Individuals/Organizations must respond to all questions on the form. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

All requests will be evaluated before the 12th Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov. The panel will convene on the following days; Saturday, March 7, Friday, March 13 and Friday, March 20, 2009. All proposals must be submitted by March 2, 2009.

Date Submitted:

March 2, 2009

Project Name:

16th Avenue Channel and Culvert Improvements

Individual/Organization:

City of San Mateo (located within the 12th Congressional District)

Amount Requested:

\$16,000,000

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status:

Committee on Appropriations – Subcommittee on Homeland Security

Local Contact:

Susanna Chan
Deputy Director of Public Works
330 W. 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403
(650) 522-7308
schan@cityofsanmateo.org

Organization's Main Activities. *(Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, private, non-profit or private for-profit entity.)*

The City of San Mateo is a public organization of individuals dedicated to serving the San Mateo community. Our main activities include providing responsive city government and quality municipal services such as police and fire protection, sewer service, street maintenance, flood control, planning, building, parks and recreational activities, library services and general administrative support.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form. *(Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources).*

Project Design	\$1,000,000
Construction Costs	\$13,500,000
Construction Management	\$1,500,000
TOTAL	\$16,000.00

Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds. *(Your response must focus on the requested funds rather than the organization's mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250-500 words).*

Description:

In October 2001, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a Flood Insurance Rate Map for the City of San Mateo which placed portions of the City into a flood zone requiring affected property owners purchase flood insurance. Flood risk in San Mateo is influenced by tides in the San Francisco Bay, as well as residual flooding from storm water runoff. This project will provide protection from residual flooding. The City is committed to implementing flood improvements to remove affected homes from the current flood map. Urban storm water runoff generated between Crystal Springs Road and Highway 92 east of Alameda de las Pulgas is collected in the 16th Avenue Drainage Channel at the Southern Pacific Rail Road (SPRR). The water is conveyed into the Marina Lagoon for storage and pumping in the bay. Surface flooding occurs upstream of the SPRR culvert during a design of a 100 year storm runoff event, but more serious flooding happens as the result of undersized culverts downstream, particularly at Delaware Street and Highway 101. Further downstream backwater from Marina Lagoon controls water surface elevations in the 16th Avenue drain.

This project would include removal of the culvert at Delaware street and replacing with clear-span bridge; the addition of (2) new concrete box culverts at the Highway 101 crossing and construction of floodwalls from Highway 101 to Delaware Street.

Timeline:

Because this project is currently unfunded, a specific timeline for completion has not been established.

Goals/Expected Outcomes:

The goal of this project is to improve flow in the 16th Avenue Drainage Channel which will ultimately lessen the potential for residual flooding the surrounding areas. In conjunction with various levee improvement projects designed to mitigate tidal flooding, this project will result in the removal of the affected areas from the Flood Hazard Zone, thereby removing the requirement for mandatory flood insurance.

Specific Uses of Federal Funds:

Federal funds received would be applied towards project design, actual construction, construction management for this project.

How will this earmark serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding? *(Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long term goals.)*

This project is beyond the City of San Mateo's capacity to fund. The federal funds requested will not expand or enhance the scope of the project, they will simply allow the project to move forward. Without the assistance of federal funding, it anticipated that that these improvements will not be realized for a number of years.

What is the local significance of this project?

Completion of levee improvement projects are aimed at addressing tidal flooding and will not remove all parcels in the city from the FEMA flood map; therefore mandatory insurance requirements will remain in effect for properties subject to residual flooding. This project addresses flooding from 16th Avenue overflow. The project is significant in that it will eliminate flooding of Highway 101 during a 100 year storm and ultimately contribute to the reduction of residual flooding in San Mateo. Completion of this project will remove 365 parcels from the flood map thereby eliminating the requirement for mandatory flood insurance.

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project? *(i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)*

The improvements provided by this project will protect homes in San Mateo from residual flooding and as a result approximately 365 parcels will be removed from the FEMA flood map and will no longer be required to maintain flood insurance.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for this project in writing *(Please submit copies of support letters along with the proposal).*

See attachment 1 – letters of support from local neighborhood associations.

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project? *(Federal, State, Local or private pending?)*

No.

Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project? *(Please list any funds received (by fiscal year) and briefly describe how those funds were spent).*

No.

Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members *(if any)*

See attachment 2

Please attach any additional relevant materials.

San Mateo United Homeowners Association (SMUHA)

P.O. Box 5023
San Mateo, CA 94402

February 27, 2009

Citizen Oversight Committee
Federal Earmark Appropriations
c/o Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier
400 S. El Camino Real, Suite 410
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Re: *Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Request for City of San Mateo FEMA Mitigation Projects*
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To Whom It May Concern:

SMUHA through its member association represent residents throughout most of the city of San Mateo. For decades we have been the united voice for many of the San Mateo neighborhood associations.

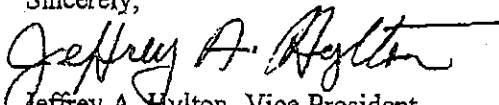
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These projects are significant in that they will provide protection from tidal and residual flooding, and upon completion will prompt revision of the FIRM and eliminate the requirement of mandatory flood insurance for many of the affected property owners.

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Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this project.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Hylton, Vice President
San Mateo United Homeowners Association

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Sincerely,



Robert A. Nice
Sunnybrae Neighborhood Association



HOME

ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CENTRAL SAN MATEO

Martin Luther King Center 725 Monte Diablo Avenue San Mateo, CA 94401

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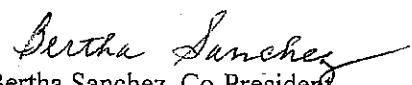
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Sincerely,


Bertha Sanchez, Co-President
Home Association of North Central San Mateo

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Sincerely,

Albert J. Di Matteo

Shoreview - Parkside Neighborhood Association



PO Box 25054, San Mateo, CA 94402

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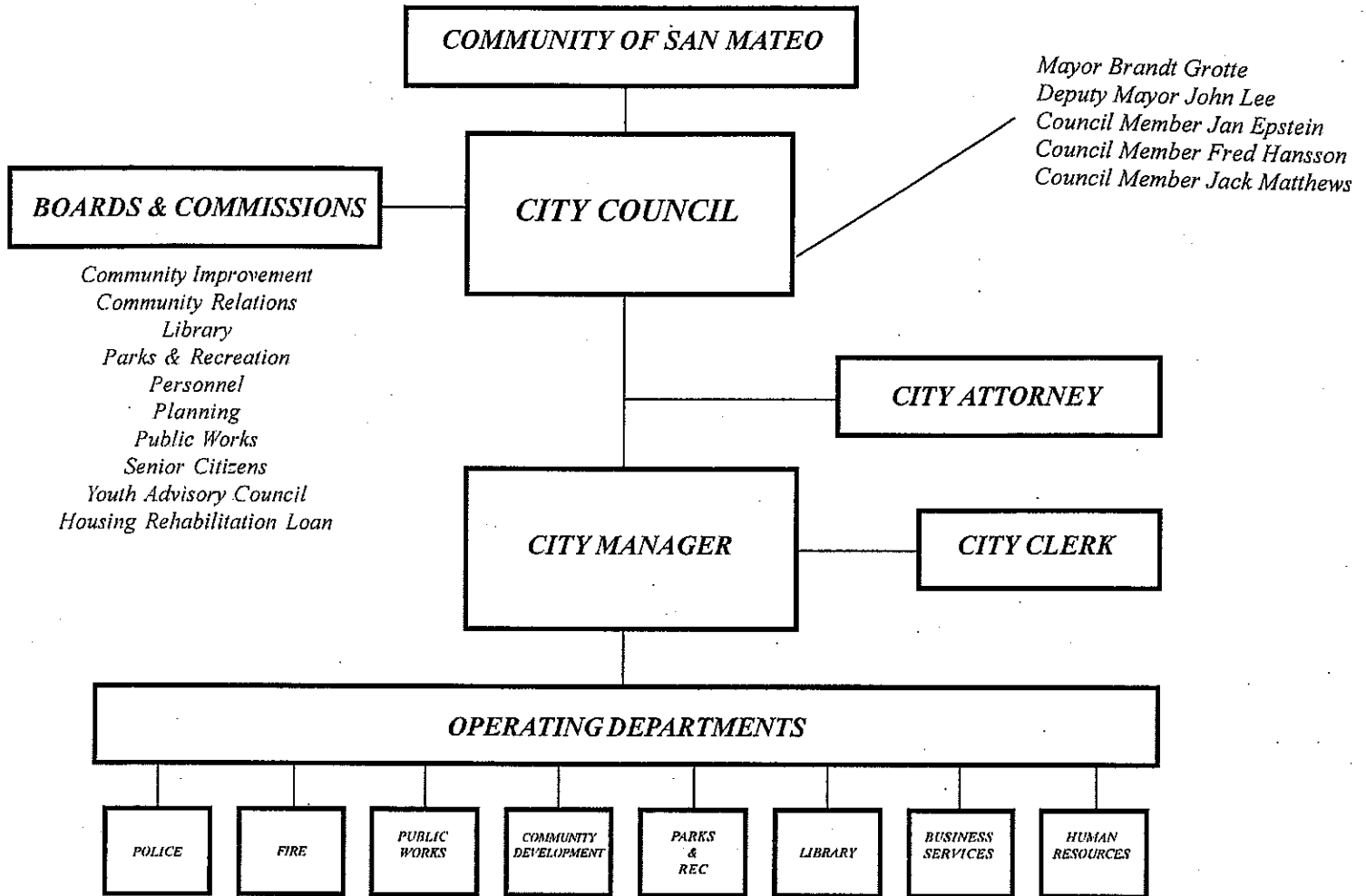
These projects are beyond the City of San Mateo's capacity to fund. Without the assistance of federal funding, it anticipated that that these improvements will not be realized for a number of years. Please support the City's application by granting funding for these projects. The North Shoreview neighborhood is affected more than others because of its small size and the financial hardship its residents would endure to pay for the *projects necessary to remove it from the flood map. The last totals were \$800.00+ per household, per year for 20 years. This is in addition to the \$800-\$2500 per year for mandatory flood insurance.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for these projects.

Sincerely,

Stacy Weiss, Secretary
North Shoreview Neighborhood Association

CITY OF SAN MATEO ORGANIZATION



PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

City Manager	Susan Loftus
City Attorney	Shawn Mason
City Clerk	Norma Gomez
Chief of Police	Susan E. Manheimer
Fire Chief	Dan Belville
Director of Public Works	Larry Patterson
Director of Community Development	Robert Beyer
Parks and Recreation Director	Sheila Canzian
City Librarian	Ben Ocon
Finance Director/City Treasurer	Hossein Golestan
Human Resources Director	Linda Spady